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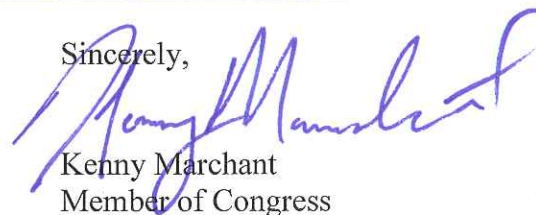
Dear Commissioner Kerlikowske:

In the aftermath of the first confirmed case of Ebola in the United States, I strongly encourage aggressive screenings of incoming passengers from Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea and a detailed containment strategy to ensure against any future cases of the virus within the United States. Until a travel ban is implemented, I am requesting advanced screening processes at major U.S. points of entry, including the Dallas/Fort Worth International airport which I represent, and advanced scrutiny immediately implemented on passengers traveling from areas affected by Ebola in order to protect U.S. citizens.

Additionally, are there any further measures presently not in place that may be implemented to increase security against the spread of the disease to the United States? I would appreciate hearing from you regarding Customs and Border Protection's course of action to guarantee the safety of the American public against this deadly virus. Customs and Border Protection has a unique role in protecting U.S. citizens and by being the first line of defense against persons and materials entering the U.S., every consideration should be made to guard against any new Ebola cases arriving in the United States.

Thank you for your review of this correspondence. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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